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Mr. George Bush
Director
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Langley, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bush:

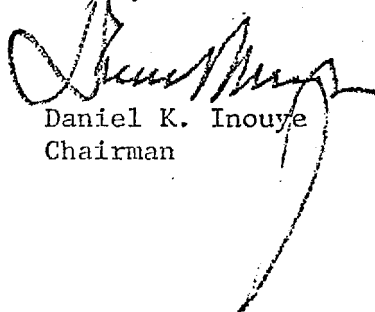
I would very much appreciate your assistance in gaining early access for the Select Committee on Intelligence, and its appropriately cleared staff members, to the "B Team" estimate of Soviet strategic weapons developments prepared by Professor Richard Pipes, et al, at the request of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. That report, plus the recently completed NIE on these subjects are, of course, central to the interests and responsibilities of this Committee, and especially to our Subcommittee on the Quality of Intelligence, chaired by Senator Adlai Stevenson.

It is my understanding that Bill Miller, our Staff Director, has already discussed this question of access with Mr. Wheaton Byers, Executive Secretary of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, and that Hal Ford, Senator Stevenson's designee to the Select Committee, has done likewise with Messrs. [REDACTED] of your staff.

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Thank you for assisting the work of this Committee.

Aloha,


Daniel K. Inouye
Chairman